

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1011

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Requesting that a United States Navy submarine be named the
USS South Dakota.

WHEREAS, Congress and the Department of the Navy have long maintained an interest in how Navy ships are named; and

WHEREAS, names for Navy ships traditionally have been chosen and announced by the Secretary of the Navy, under the direction of the President and in accordance with rules prescribed by Congress. Rules for giving certain types of names to certain types of Navy ships have evolved over time; and

WHEREAS, currently, Virginia (SSN-774) class attack submarines are being named for states. These include the *Virginia*, *Texas*, *Hawaii*, *North Carolina*, *New Mexico*, and *Missouri*, which are all in active service. In 2011, the *California* was added, along with the *Mississippi*, *Minnesota*, *North Dakota*, and *John Warner*, all currently under construction; and

WHEREAS, current Midwestern states and cities that have submarines named after them include the *USS North Dakota* SSN-784, *USS Minnesota* SSN-783, *USS Missouri* SSN-779, *USS Cheyenne* SSN-773, *USS Boise* SSN-764, *USS Wyoming* SSBN-742, *USS Nebraska* SSBN-739, *USS Helena* SSN-725, *USS Minneapolis/St. Paul* SSN-708, and *USS Omaha* SSN-692:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Eighty-seventh Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the South Dakota Legislature, together with members of the public and the United States Submarine Veterans Inc. (USSVI) Scorpion Base in Sioux Falls and Polaris Base in Rapid City, request the United States Congress and the Secretary of the Navy to support the naming of a United States Navy submarine for the State of South Dakota. Tradition, history, and honor will be maintained in naming a new United States Navy submarine after the historic battleship *USS South Dakota*.

Adopted by the House of Representatives,
Concurred in by the Senate,

February 21, 2012
February 23, 2012

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